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'THEY'RE AT IT!'

CENTRAL STATION has been brought to a standstill by the recent industrial action taken by the National Union of Railworkers against the proposed introduction of driver-only operated trains. But it is management manipulation that is to blame for the strike, which may go nationwide.

As one picket declared: 'We're solid'. This could signal a long, drawn out dispute between the bosses at BR and the railworkers.

The introduction of these trains spells trouble for those guardsmen whose jobs would go, that is if British Rail got their way. The main issues here really are job losses and the effect these losses have on the NUR.

Criticisms of the action taken has, typically, focussed on public inconvenience and a reluctance by the strikers to negotiate with BR. Papers such as the *Glasgow Herald* are not slow to slag off workers who strike in order to maintain their livelihood, while also pointing out the rising unemployment in Scotland.

HYPOCRISY

Such hypocrisy fills the pages of most of the major newspapers (should we expect anything else?) The newspapers and media as a whole have gone through a process where strike action of any kind is criminalised as being against the public's welfare.

BLOODY B.B.C.

"AMID CHAOTIC SCENES of unparalleled mob violence hundreds of BBC thugs fought running battles with police who, in spite of being outnumbered, valiantly ensured that working journalists were able to enter the building at Queen Margaret Drive.

"Police chiefs later hit out at the deplorable picket line violence, stating that: 'Intimidation and mindless acts of violence will only strengthen our resolve that those who wish to work will be allowed to do so.'

Predictably, the above account of events during the BBC journalists' picket of premises at Queen Margaret Drive is purely fictitious. If nothing else it should serve as a timely reminder of the media's - and the BBC was in the forefront - voluntary support for the national propaganda campaign against the miners' working class struggle.

HACKS

The sight of BBC hacks parading up and down with placards proclaiming 'Support Free Speech, Defend Broadcasting Freedom' and 'Don't Gag the BBC' therefore evoked considerable distaste.

That nothing more than a 'professional breach of etiquette' (on the part of the Government) should result in such a load of hypocrisy is almost laughable. The myth that the BBC, or any other organ of the State, is independent has finally been put to rest.

In spite of being a faithful lap dog to Thatcher's thugs in the past, it would seem that the people from

Say Striking Railmen

The railworkers support for the miners brought them into direct conflict with the government and BR, therefore confrontation was inevitable. Under the guise of 'improved efficiency' BR is effectively trying to reduce the workforce into accepting its propaganda of 'no jobs will be lost' when in fact the exact opposite is the case.

We also have to bear in mind this government's attitude to unions. They are seen as being a hindrance and the quicker they are done away with the better. A passive workforce is the bosses' dream. Knock the fight out of the workers and it becomes easier to exploit and rip them off. That is why the action that is now being taken by the railworkers must be applauded and we must all show our solidarity in supporting against BR proposals.

Many of you may have criticised them in the past weeks, but we all have to realise that the only way forward for us is by uniting against those who exploit us. Criticise the bosses at BR not the rail workers whose futures are being jeopardised. Who wants to spend years on the dole?

Fight now before it's too late.



the Beeb are less than happy with their reward: 4,000 jobs are to be axed in sweeping cutbacks.

Perhaps the next time workers are involved in an industrial dispute our friends at the BBC will think twice before treating them with their usual contempt.

CLYDESIDER SAYS

THE GREAT DAYS of the Miners Strike are long gone.

And the glimpse of the future that it gave us - of solidarity and mutual aid - has all but faded.

All around the working class movement in the West of Scotland there is a feeling, not so much of defeat, but of apathy, of biding the time until the next epic events.

A strange time, you may think, for the launching of a revolutionary paper for the Glasgow area.

IDEAS

But it is at precisely this time - when people are re-examining the old political ideas and how they were put into practice during the strike - that a paper like Clydesider can play its part.

Many people have become disillusioned with the old 'follow-my-leader' political parties.

Many people want to do more than be a cog in Kinnock's brilliant career.

The support groups for the strike that sprang up throughout Clydeside show that local people can become a powerful movement. A movement with no need for centralisation, bureaucracies and leadership.

LOCALLY

Over the next few months Clydesider will be reporting - and supporting the varied struggles and campaigns that erupt locally of people trying to regain some control over their lives.

We will be doing all we can to encourage anti-authoritarian, mutual aid organisation - anarchist organisation.

And we'll be getting involved in the same way as we were in the miners strike...

Not to 'recruit' fodder for some political party - we value our own independence and respect other peoples.

No, we'll be getting involved in local struggles for one reason, and one reason only - BECAUSE WE REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT THEY EXIST.

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LICENSED TO GLASGOW UNDER SEIGE TERRORISE

RECENT EVENTS in Glasgow have shown those who care to notice just how far the screws have borrowed tactics used during the miners strike.

Cordoned-off streets, polis armed to the teeth, dog patrols round most screws' stations, searching of vehicles and many more occurrences one would associate more with a repressive military state.

The arrest of the suspected I.R.A. fighters gave the Glasgow police adequate opportunity to test out their powers to the full extent.

Sympathisers who attempted to hand in food and cigarettes to the suspects were amazed at just how far the police had gone in their attempts to 'secure' the notorious Stewart Street station. One of those present likened it to a state of emergency or, rather, 'practice for future disturbances.'

SUSPICIONS

This seems to be the crux of the whole matter. During the period that the suspected 'terrorists' were detained in Glasgow the police seemed to have unlimited powers which frightened many people - but also confirmed a lot of people's suspicions about what this country is really all about. As if they hadn't already known after witnessing the miners struggle.

In the South side of the City over a mile of one of Glasgow's busiest roads was sealed off and at a Troops Out march in Govan a baby's pram was searched, though who would walk about with a bomb in a pram. I don't know.

'Practice for future'

Coupled with the police tactics was a quite blatant - in fact almost racist - attack on the Irish people by the press and the media. No government censorship here...these crackpots were out to kill the Queen and innocent holidaymakers.

The fact that no real evidence for this was found and that those detained are already guilty in the eyes of the 'great British public' just goes to show what a good job the State has done by pulling the wool over all but a few of our eyes.

It is aided and abetted in this 'fight against terrorism' by the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act was introduced in 1974 by the Labour government not, as the Act suggests, to prevent terrorism but to terrorise the Irish people and also those who expressed sympathy with their cause.

Over 6,000 Irish people have been arrested under the Act yet only 149 have been charged and most of them have either been acquitted or convicted of minor offences unconnected with terrorism.

Examples of this are the arrests of school teachers whilst over on a trip in Scotland with their pupils, and also members of a tenants association over from Belfast to attend a conference in Glasgow on asbestos. The indiscriminate way in which this Act is used must be stopped.

This Act is legalised abuse of human rights to enable further repression of the Irish people into accepting British rule in the North of Ireland. We make no excuses for the I.R.A. and accept that they were totally wrong in their murder of innocent working class folk on the British mainland. But we must also realise that what Britain has done to the Irish over the past centuries is no better than what South Africa is doing to Namibia or America to El Salvador and Grenada. We must support the Irish people in their struggle against British occupation of their country by a foreign army who are not very particular about who they shoot at.

WHOOOPS!

Plainclothes police, sitting in an unmarked Cortina at Langside Road, were reportedly 'furious' at the intervention of two local plods who had arrived to arrest them!

Apparently a shopkeeper had spotted what he called 'a carload of thugs acting suspiciously' and reported this to the police station. However, after they had composed themselves the cops, along with 14 other carloads of armed officers from the Serious Crime Squad and accompanied by the Special Branch stormed into the house which had been observation.

A clear cut case of what happens when you watch too much telly...



• 4 women from Glasgow who were caught painting slogans on walls declaring 'Stop Strip Searches in Armagh' were later taken to Stewart Street police station where they themselves had to endure the humiliation and degradation of a strip search.

• Repressive measures once associated solely with Northern Ireland seem to be gradually filtering into the British police forces. The control of the miners' picket lines by hordes of riot squad thugs was like a scene from Belfast, just like the recent strip searches of many protestors during the miners strike.



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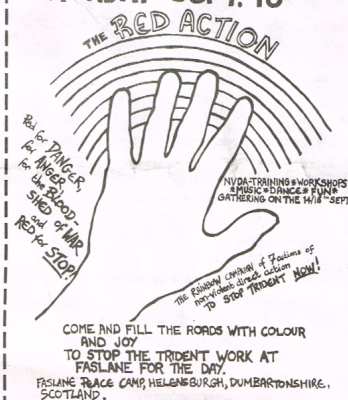
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DIRTY DEAL

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Let's show the workers whose side we're on, and get some solidarity going.

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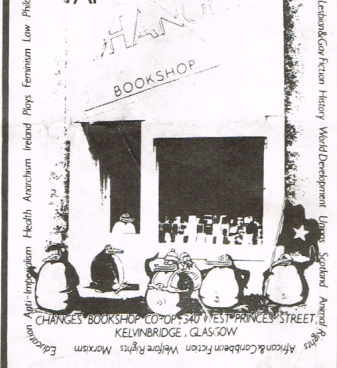


Off the Top

DEBACLE

surface, and it's this that really irks us. And that is why we call for a *social revolution*.

YOU CAN PICK UP A LOT MORE THAN PENGUINS AT



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BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS

Glenochil
Deaths—
Usual
Whitewash

Gateway Exchange recently organised a public meeting in Glasgow. Attended by over 200 people, the platform tried to 'push' for a public enquiry into the deaths of 7 young prisoners at Glenochil Punishment Camp.

The platform was composed of Councillor Chris Mason, M.P. Martin O'Neil and criminologist Phil Scraton, founder member of 'Inquest'.

Chairing the meeting was Councillor Ken Murray, who described himself as a nursing officer at Lowmoss Prison. A nursing officer is a thug who is authorised to drug prisoners - and whose main concern is not with their welfare and health, but with their containment and control.

The speeches from the politicians were banal in the extreme, but Phil Scraton delivered an excellent analysis of the prison system, the police custody system and their ability to cover up. He questioned the procedures of these institutions

'Seven dead...
enough said!'

Audience slam enquiry call.

investigating themselves and advocated that the public should have full access to the facts.

VOTE DEMANDED

From the floor ex-prisoners, relatives and friends discussed their experiences of Glenochil and other penal institutions and the Scottish Prisoners Support Committee called for Gateway, the public and the platform to support their current campaign demanding the immediate closure of Glenochil. Members of the audience asked for a vote to be taken on this initiative and Murray the screw promised this would take place after the discussion.

It was argued that closing Glenochil was no solution as the 'problem' would be transferred to other prisons. Phil Scraton, however, justified the demand, referring to it as a symbolic gesture which would draw attention to the fact that people are prepared to fight and will not sit back while this scandal is swept under the carpet by the Scottish Home and Health Department and the media.

During the concluding speeches, O'Neil and Mason claimed that more information was needed from ex-prisoners on the circumstances in Glenochil.

Ken Murray, fearing no doubt the judgement of the masses, attempted to call the meeting to a close without taking the vote on the matter which had been promised earlier. Members of the public lambasted him for this, but he used the excuse that it was too late in the night. An S.P.S.C. then approached the platform and exposed this mouthpiece of the prison service for what he is, demanding the vote be taken. When he would not comply she called for the vote herself - the verdict was unanimous: close Glenochil Death Camp - say no to public enquiry whitewash.



The muffled thump
From the cell wall
The sound of resistance
And Protest
It says NO
Each thump NO
And repeats on and on
And won't cease
Until Justice is Done
Freedom will come

■Written in the remand wing in
Barlinnie

